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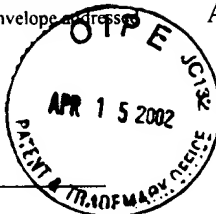
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Frank J. Gonzalez and
Pedro Fernandez-Salguero

Application No.: 09/308,080

Filed: October 28, 1999

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR
DETECTING DIHYDROPYRIMIDINE
DEHYDROGENASE SPLICING MUTATIONS

Examiner: Steadman, D

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 3, 2001, Applicants provide some remarks and amendments to place the claims in better condition for allowance.

Applicants file herewith an Information Disclosure Statement, a petition for an extension of time to the present date pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and an authorization to deduct the appropriate fees.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-11, 15-17, and 20-28 to recite the following: